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SUBJECT:HAWK MISSILES FOR JORDAN

REF: A) STATE 012396; B) AMMAN 00329

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM EXCERPT RELATING TO
HAWK MISSILES FOR JORDAN FROM HOAGLAND ARTICLE:

QUOTE: IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS RECOMMENDED THAT JORDAN BE SUPPLIED HAWK GROUND-
TO-AIR MISSILES FOR THE FIRST TIME, ACCORDING TO A
HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE.

(OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMED THIS VERSION.)
SENIOR JORDANIAN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN AMMAN
DENY THAT ANY AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN SIGNED.

THE HAWK, WHICH ISRAEL POSSESSES, WOULD BE THE HEART
OF THE AIR-DEFENSE SYSTEM THAT KING HUSSEIN SAYS JORDAN
NEEDS BEFORE IT CAN EVEN CONTEMPLATE JOINING AN ARAB
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OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL. BUT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR

IF JORDAN HAS RAISED ENOUGH CASH AND AMERICAN MILITARY GRANTS TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE HAWKS. ITS COST HAS BEEN PROHIBITIVE IN THE PAST. UNQUOTE.

2. REF A CONTAINS ACTUAL LANGUAGE ABOUT SUBJECT USED IN DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING. FOLLOWING IS SPECIFIC PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IF ASKED QUESTION ABOUT RECOMMENDATION OF HAWKS:

QUOTE:

Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED HAWKS FOR JORDAN?

A. WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF THIS GOVERNMENT. OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN IS LONG STANDING AND WELL KNOWN BUT, AS I HAVE SAID, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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